

MOSBY AND HIS CAVALRY MEN.

The Famous Rangers Re-fight Their Battles at Fairfax.

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FAIRFAX COURT HOUSE, Va., Sept. 10.—Historical reminiscences are revived by the reunion of the Sixth Virginia cavalry, better known as Mosby's men. This is the first general gathering of the famous fighters since the memorable day in April, 1863, when, through the exigencies of unsuccessful combat, they stood before their chieftain in last review.

The choice of the meeting place seems peculiarly appropriate, for at Fairfax Court House it was that occurred the initiatory operations of the famous Virginian's rangers. The region hereabout was so frequently the theater of the partisan battalion's movements, forsooth, that the name of the leader became indelibly associated with it. "Mosby's Confederacy," as the district inclosed by Warrenton, Fairfax and Harpers Ferry was termed, is to this day recognized as a geographical distinction.

The idea of an organized and extended partisan warfare in connection with the maneuvers of the regular Confederate army originated with Colonel Mosby in the early part of 1862. He had at that time been reduced to the ranks from the staff of Captain, afterward General, Jones of the Fifth Virginia cavalry by an election of officers sanctioned by the Confederacy. Captain Jones was also ousted from his command. He was succeeded by Fitz-Hugh Lee, who years later became United States consul in Havana.

Mosby, having been adjutant, felt disheartened at finding himself a private once more. But brighter days were looming up in the distance. General J. E. B. Stuart, the brilliant West Point cavalry tactician, knew somewhat of Mosby. He detailed him as scout. Opportunities for the display of prowess were not lacking. Before many moons had passed the scout was in a position to ask the commander for his sanction of the formation of an auxiliary body of fighters to harass the federal troops in localities where larger detachments could not display their force to advantage. Stuart consented. He refused, however, to give the eager Mosby more than a quintet of his mounted warriors.

Not in the least daunted by the smallness of his command the embryo cavalry leader took himself away with his horsemen. No pains were taken in concealing from the troops of Confederate cavalry the nature of the work Mosby had in view. The anticipated influx of newcomers to the ranks of the rangers took place, and Mosby soon had three or four score of hardy adventurers under him. Young men from the "F. F. V.," attracted by the novelty and prospects of unlimited fighting, flocked to his standard.

Considerable ridicule at first greeted the company. "Mosby's Conglomerates" and "Johnny's Foundlings" its members were dubbed by the jealous ones in the regular enlisted service. Panter was turned into praise in short order, however, as the exploits of the "Foundlings" and the "Conglomerates" were noised abroad. Many of the erstwhile scoffers eventually found themselves clamoring for admission. When Lee surrendered to General Grant at Appomattox Court House, nearly three years later, Mosby's battalion numbered 700 men.

One of Mosby's first schemes was to endeavor to drive from the vicinity of Fairfax and Warrenton the First New Jersey cavalry under Colonel Percy Wyndham. Sir Percy Wyndham, as described in my father's last book, "New Jersey Troops in the Gettysburg Campaign," by Samuel Toombs, was an English nobleman, a veteran of French, Austrian and Italian wars and just the man to cope with Mosby. The rangers captured Wyndham's sentinels and vedettes. They assaulted his outposts. Notwithstanding his ultimate failure to dislodge the English adventurer, Mosby caused him a deal of trouble.

Raiders were Mosby's favorite agencies in the campaign against the invaders of the south. Here and there, everywhere, he led his men. They literally lived in the saddle as if emulative of Genghis Khan and his invincible Tartars. Among Mosby's largest raids were the Chantilly raid, resulting in the capture of a detachment of Union cavalrymen; the Boot raid, Billy Smith raid, Ice Cream raid, Coffee raid, the fatal Harpers Ferry raid, the two Calico raids, the Greenback raid and the Hanging raid. The latter resulted in the capture of seven of the rangers by one of General Custer's captives. The rangers were summarily hanged within sight of their homes in Front Royal. On the breasts of the executed placards were pinned reading, "Such is the fate of Mosby's men."

One of the captives, Overby, by name, called out before his death. "My last moments are sweetened by the reflection that for every man you murder this day Mosby will take a tenfold vengeance."

Retaliation was shortly in reach of the partisans. Three days later a

platoon of Custer's men was captured by Mountjoy, an aid to Mosby. The prisoners were drawn up in single file, and seven were chosen by lot. They were to die. The unfortunate soldiers met their doom like stoics.

But for the fierce raids and charges of these rangers and their rapid moves on the rear and flanks of Sheridan's army the hero of Winchester would have been able to press southward through the Shenandoah valley after the defeat of General Early. This would have enabled him to concentrate his army of 50,000 men on the rear of Lee's forces. Lee's cohorts were already hard pressed in front by Grant with 130,000 men, the flower of the northern forces. Sheridan, in his report of the Shenandoah campaign, paid a high compliment to Colonel Mosby. He admitted that the rangers prevented him from following out Grant's orders to press forward to Lynchburg, where could have been administered a crushing defeat to the Confederate army under Lee.

Few of the Virginia colonel's exploits created the furor that did his capture of General Edwin H. Stoughton in March, 1863. The general was quartered at Fairfax Court House. In a drizzling rain, with but 29 men, Colonel Mosby started on his dangerous and well nigh foolhardy mission.

After the affair was triumphantly terminated the colonel gave the account of this venture: "We passed the outlying guards by stating we were of the Fifth New York cavalry, with dispatches for General Stoughton. With the aid of 'Big Yank' Ames, a stalwart deserter from the Union lines, we found our way to the building where lay our game. The sentry at the door was quietly overpowered. Violent knocking brought to the entrance a night robed figure, which proved to be Lieutenant Prentiss of the general's staff.

"We were then four miles inside the enemy's lines and amid hundreds of hostile soldiers. Caution was needed.

"Prentiss let us in on our informing him that we were of the Fifth New York. We pushed up the stairs and entered the commandant's room. He was sound asleep. His snorings were resonant in the extreme.

"With such environments," said Colonel Mosby, "I could not afford to await his convenience or stand on ceremony. So I gave the sleeping man a slap. His effect was electric. The brigadier rose from his pillow and in an authoritative tone inquired the meaning of the rude treatment. He had not realized that the intruders were not members of his own staff.

"I leaned over and said to him, 'General, did you ever hear of Mosby?' 'Yes,' he quickly answered. 'Have you caught him?' 'No,' I said. 'I am Mosby. He has caught you.' In order to deprive him of all hope I told him that Stuart's cavalry held the town and that General Jackson was at Centerville.

"With a look of agony and despair he asked if Fitz Lee was there. I told him 'Yes.' 'Then take me to him,' he said. 'We were classmates at West Point.' 'Certainly,' I said, 'but I am in a hurry. Dress quickly.' He did so, and we left the town with General Stoughton, Lieutenant Prentiss and about 100 other prisoners; also a lot of fine horses."

When Mosby's accomplishment was reported to Major General Stuart, that officer issued a general order in which he referred to the feat "as almost unparalleled in war."

One great secret of Mosby's success was the fact that the number of his force was always exaggerated. He aimed toward this end and has been known to have his men drag branches of trees behind their horses to create a dust cloud sufficient for a large body of troopers.

As an instance of his daring it might be told how one dark night in 1864 he cut 40 wagons from out the very middle of Phil Sheridan's supply train, which was stretched out five miles.

Mosby became a strong admirer of General Grant after the war and tumbled Virginia for the conqueror of Lee during his campaign for the presidency. He was the coiner of the expressive and alliterative phrase "the solid south" and by reason of his dashing ability and strenuous personality formed one of the striking characters developed in the stirring days of the Confederate movement.

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4:05p	10:00a	Lv.	Jacksonville	Ar	7:30p	10:15a		
5:15p	11:10a	Lv.	St. Augustine	Lv	6:20p	9:05a		
5:25p	11:15a	Lv.	St. Augustine	Ar	6:15p	9:01a		
5:37p	11:40a	Lv.	Hastings	Lv	5:40p	8:25a		
6:12p	12:05p	Ar	East Palatka		5:25p	8:12a		
6:40p	12:30p	Ar	Palatka	Lv	5:00p	7:45a		
5:50p	11:40a	Lv	Palatka	Ar	5:45p	8:55a		
7:50p	6:55a	Lv	San Mateo	Lv	7:50p	6:55a		
8:15p	12:05p	Lv	East Palatka	Ar	5:25p	8:15a		
7:45p	1:30p	Lv	Ormond	Lv	4:05p	6:45a		
7:55p	1:37p	Lv	Daytona	Lv	3:51p	6:31a		
8:06p	1:47p	Lv	Port Orange	Lv	3:41p	6:21a		
8:00p	2:10p	Lv	New Smyrna	Lv	3:20p	6:00a	2:55p	
8:00p	2:33p	Lv	Oak Hill	Lv	3:00p	2:33p	2:55p	
8:00p	3:00p	Lv	Titusville	Lv	2:25p	1:55p	2:55p	
8:00p	3:30p	Lv	City Point	Lv	1:55p	1:25p	2:55p	
8:00p	3:50p	Lv	Cocoa	Lv	1:40p	1:10p	2:55p	
8:00p	4:20p	Lv	Rockledge	Lv	1:40p	1:10p	2:55p	
8:00p	4:50p	Lv	Eau Gallie	Lv	1:13p	1:03p	2:55p	
8:00p	5:04p	Lv	Melbourne	Lv	1:03p	1:03p	2:55p	
8:00p	5:04p	Lv	Roseland	Lv	12:20p	12:20p	2:55p	
8:00p	5:38p	Lv	Sebastian	Lv	12:22p	12:22p	2:55p	
8:00p	5:38p	Lv	St. Lucie	Lv	11:58a	11:58a	2:55p	
8:00p	5:38p	Lv	Fort Pierce	Lv	9:22a	9:22a	2:55p	
8:00p	5:38p	Lv	Tibbals	Lv	11:04a	11:04a	2:55p	
8:00p	5:38p	Lv	Eden	Lv	11:00a	11:00a	2:55p	
8:00p	5:38p	Lv	Jensen	Lv	10:55a	10:55a	2:55p	
8:00p	5:38p	Lv	Stuart	Lv	10:45a	10:45a	2:55p	
8:00p	5:38p	Lv	Hobe Sound	Lv	10:14a	10:14a	2:55p	
8:00p	5:38p	Lv	West Jupiter	Lv	10:02a	10:02a	2:55p	
8:00p	5:38p	Lv	West Palm Beach	Lv	9:22a	9:22a	2:55p	
8:00p	5:38p	Lv	Boynton	Lv	9:02a	9:02a	2:55p	
8:00p	5:38p	Lv	Delray	Lv	8:33a	8:33a	2:55p	
8:00p	5:38p	Lv	Fort Lauderdale	Lv	8:06a	8:06a	2:55p	
8:00p	5:38p	Lv	Lemon City	Lv	7:23a	7:23a	2:55p	
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6:30p	2:00p	5:30p	8:25a	Lv.	So. Jacksonville	Lv	7:45a
6:30p	2:00p	5:30p	8:50a	Lv.	Pablo Beach	Lv	7:45a
7:30p	3:00p	6:30p	9:15a	Lv.	Mayport	Lv	6:45a

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